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FARLEY NAMED DIRECTOR OF FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today announced the appointment of John L. Farley of Seattle, Washington, as Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. He will succeed Albert M. Day, who has been offered another position in the Service. Mr. Farley was born in Oxford, Ohio, April 9, 1892 and was graduated from State Teachers College, River Falls, Wisconsin, in 1910. He taught science in the Black River Falls, Wisconsin, high school for a short time and them served as superintendent of schools there. He later entered the University of Wisconsin and was graduated with a B. S. in Electrical Engineering in 1917.

He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in August 1917 and continued in the Army as a regular officer until December 1922.

After his military service Mr. Farley for five and a half years was employed by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in California as a sales engineer and in public relations work. From 1929 to 1935 he was executive officer of the California Division of Fish and Game and until 1940 he was in community relations work with the Crown Zellerbach Corporation in Seattle, Washington.

He returned to the Army in September 1940 and commanded the 250th CA. He was commissioned as a colonel in February of 1942. He commanded regiments in Alaska and was Alaskan Department artillery officer. He left active Army service in 1945 and returned to Crown Zellerbach. He retired as colonel AUS in May 1952.

Mr. Farley is a member of the American Fisheries Society, past vice president, International Association of Game and Fish Commissioners. He is a brother of Admiral Joseph F. Farley, former commandant of the United States Coast Guard.

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